

## Iron County Register

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BRONTON, MISSOURI.

The coronation robe presented to the empress of Russia was of fur, it weighed only 16 ounces, yet was worth \$6,000, or \$375 an ounce.

Exports of German chinaware last year aggregated 32,406 metric tons, valued at \$12,250,000, of which 55 percent went to the United States.

The open spaces of London measure 21 1/2 square miles. The aggregate cost each year of the maintenance of the parks is less than a quarter of a million sterling.

The United States is the largest consumer of coffee in the world. Last year this country consumed 1,117,000 pounds, valued at \$88,000,000, less about 64,000,000 pounds exported to other countries.

A lemon pie from one of the large bakeries in Chicago has been analyzed, with the result that it was found to contain no lemon, butter or eggs. It was made of starch paste and various products of coal tar.

White jet is the jewelry novelty of 1905 in Europe. It is like ivory, but sparkles, and when it has been carefully cut the effect is said to be dazzling. Old jets, both black and white, is being unearthed and reset.

The crown forests of Russia comprise 20,000,000 acres belonging to the czar and 303,000,000 farmed by the national exchequer. The czar employs 27,000 wood police, who cut 12,000,000 tons a year, chiefly for firewood.

A trade journal has estimated, after much figuring, that the annual output of link sausage in this country amounts to more than 400,000,000 yards, or 227,272 miles. This is enough to extend around the world nine times at the equator—but sausage will not keep at the equator.

After five years' work and at a cost of \$2,500,000, 170 acres of the richest iron deposits in England have been claimed from the sea on the Cumberland coast, by means of a semicircular sea barrier almost 7,000 feet long, 210 feet wide at the base, 83 feet on top and 40 feet high. An old sea wall, constructed in 1890, 600 yards further inland, made 5,000,000 tons of ore available.

A small fortune passed through Topeka recently in two freight cars on the Santa Fe railroad. The two cars contained one-tenth of the living buffalo of the world, valued at about \$16,000, and they are being taken to the 101 ranch of the Miller Brothers at Bliss, O. T. There are 32 buffalo in the herd. These, added to the Miller herd at 101 ranch, will make the largest herd of buffalo in the world.

Greece attempted to raise her revenue by making every smoker take out a license, but as the smokers objected and made riots in the streets she compelled her people to purchase the national emblem in the form of a small flying swallow. These she had manufactured in bronze in very large quantities, charging a few cents for them, any person not having one in his or her possession being liable to a penalty.

According to Mr. F. E. Dawley, secretary of the New York Fruit Growers' association, the empire state leads the union in the production of apples, although it does not have the largest number of apple-trees. Missouri heads the list in this respect, with a total of 20,040,399 trees. New York has but 15,654,832. But the New York tree shows an average production of more than three bushels for each tree, while in Missouri the average is about one bushel.

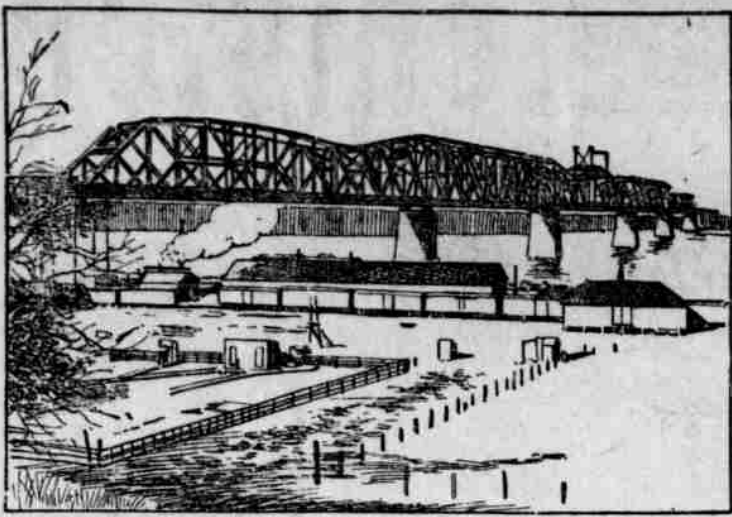
David Briggs, a Brooklyn farmer, the nineteenth member of his family to kill himself, was found drowned the other day. He threw himself into a mill pond on the outskirts of Bridgeport, Ct. The suicides of the family have followed at intervals of a few years for nearly half a century. Six years ago Andrew Briggs, a rich farmer, weighted himself with a stone tied to a dog collar fastened about his neck and walked into a pond. His neighbors found a stick fastened at the edge of the pond pointing to the place where the body lay.

It is not known generally that New York City is by far the most cosmopolitan place in the universe, as may be seen from the fact that there are one hundred newspapers and magazines published on Manhattan Island in languages other than English. Of course, by far the greater number of these are in German. A long way behind comes the Italian tongue, with five or six dailies and six or seven weeklies. There are six daily newspapers in New York printed in Hebrew, and there are seven or eight Spanish periodicals—two of them weeklies.

Recent cable dispatches convey the information that Germany is about to begin a tariff war against the United States, with the main object of shutting out from her market many million dollars' worth of American agricultural products, and that "a strong syndicate of foreign business men has been formed" in Germany "with unlimited means to oppose in Great Britain Mr. Chamberlain's policy in every way." This is significant, as it shows how Germany is lining up her forces in the world-wide struggle for commercial supremacy.

Newfoundland has recently developed a new industry, which is stated to be a successful one—namely, that of placing on the market whale flesh in place of beef. Whale meat tastes more like venison than beef, and is quite a tempting article of diet. A firm intends shortly to try a shipment to the English market, where it is expected they will be able to retail whale meat at from 1/4d to 3d per pound. The meat has already been shipped in large quantities to the West Indies, where it is much appreciated by the natives.

## NEW BRIDGE AT THEBES, ILL.



Structure Which Spans the Mississippi Dedicated May 25, Built at a Cost of \$3,000,000.

## WILLIAM ZIEGLER NO MORE

Was Well-Known Capitalist and Promoter of Arctic Exploration.

He Had Amassed a Great Fortune in Baking Powder and Real Estate Investment.

New York, May 25.—William Ziegler, the capitalist and promoter of Arctic exploration, died at his country home, near Noroton, Conn. He was unconscious all night. The funeral will be held Saturday at noon.

Mr. Ziegler had been an invalid since a runaway accident in which he was injured last October. He sustained internal hurts, and was so severely shocked that the physicians were unable to do little more than ameliorate his sufferings. Two or three days ago his condition changed for the worse.

Mr. Ziegler was born in Beaver county, Pa., September 1, 1843. He was educated in the public schools of Iowa, and later learned the printers' trade in the office of the Muscatine Journal. He went into the baking powder business in 1870, and made a large fortune. During the latter years of his life he operated in Brooklyn and other Long Island real estate to the extent of millions of dollars. He led the fight against lions of dollars.

Mr. Ziegler's condition received a setback a few weeks ago by the shock which he sustained on hearing of an accident to his son, who fell on a sharp hook, cutting himself severely.

Last Saturday he suffered a stroke of apoplexy.

## IT COST TWO THEIR LIVES.

W. W. Paul and Wilford Paul Killed Near Waverly, Ill., While Resisting Arrest.

Springfield, Ill., May 24.—In a battle between W. W. Paul and his sons, Wilford and Albert, on the one hand, and three deputy sheriffs on the other, near Waverly, about twenty miles southwest of this city, Tuesday night, W. W. Paul and Wilford Paul were killed. Constable Roundtree, of Franklin, attempted to serve a writ of replevin on the Pauls for a mare and calf claimed by John Watsmeyer, but the Pauls drew revolvers on Roundtree, and he drove to Waverly and secured a state's warrant against them, charging them with resisting an officer.

Deputy Sheriff H. L. Turner and Special Deputies Robert Breeding and James Canfield overtook the Pauls one mile east of Waverly and the battle ensued. Deputy Breeding was shot in the shoulder. Albert Paul was arrested.

## HONOR OF BUCKEYE HEROES.

Forty Monuments Erected By Ohio To Her Soldiers Who Fell at Vicksburg.

Vicksburg, Miss., May 24.—Forty monuments erected by the state of Ohio to its soldiers who fell in the siege of Vicksburg were dedicated in the national military park here. Gov. Herrick and staff of Ohio, with a party of 100 veterans from Ohio, and the First regiment of the Ohio national guard, were cordially received. Gov. Herrick and Gov. Vandaman of Mississippi, reviewed a procession of the Ohio and Mississippi national guard during the day. Later, the dedicatory programme was carried out. An address by Gov. Herrick was listened to with marked attention.

## MONEY SHARK PUNISHED.

F. Hey, of Kansas City, Fined \$100 and Sent to Jail for Thirty Days for Usury.

Kansas City, Mo., May 25.—George F. Hey, a money lender, was found guilty of charging usurious interest on a loan and was assessed a fine of \$100 and sentenced to 30 days in the county jail. This is the first conviction in the crusade against money lenders who charge five and ten per cent, a month interest. Cases are pending against several others.

## A Legislative Agent Fined.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 24.—Col. W. H. Phelps, legislative agent of the Gould interests in Missouri, was fined \$50 by Judge Martin, of the circuit court, for failing to obey a grand jury summons. Phelps told his friends that he "sure would hustle and raise the fifty."

## Storm Damage in Texas.

Dallas, Tex., May 24.—Estimates of damage by storms in Texas place the loss at \$1,000,000. Many streams are still rising, and flood damage is expected.

## Two Children Killed in Tornado.

Dallas, Tex., May 24.—In the northwest of Haskell county 14 houses were destroyed by a tornado. Two children of Will Towns, near Marcy, were killed, and Mrs. Towns was found unconscious and will die. Mr. Towns escaped with slight bruises.

## Engagement Abandoned.

London, May 24.—Prince Victor Napoleon announces the abandonment of his engagement to marry Princess Clementine, daughter of the king of the Belgians.

## BIG HOLOCAUST OF MULES.

Costly Result of Tuesday Morning's Fire at the National Stock Yards, East St. Louis.

St. Louis, May 24.—Between 400 and 500 mules were burned to death in the fire which destroyed the sales stables of Maxwell & Crown and Sparks Bros. at the National stockyards in East St. Louis early Tuesday morning.

A hundred that were turned out of one of the stables and driven a block away, stampeded, knocking down several of those who were trying to keep them out of danger, and ran back into the stables and were destroyed. Two thousand mules were turned out and ranged over the country adjacent to East St. Louis, pursued by horsemen who are trying to round them up.

A fire wall helped check the fire, which for a time threatened to sweep away all the stables of the horse and mule market and menace the National hotel and the plant of Nelson Morris & Co. and the buildings along St. Clair avenue.

The loss on the buildings owned by the stockyards company is about \$20,000. The estimated value of the mules was from \$150 to \$200 apiece, and some of them more. The loss on them is placed at above \$80,000. In addition, about \$5,000 worth of feed was destroyed. The losses are said to be all covered by insurance.

## EMPIRE DAY IN ENGLAND.

Anniversary of the Birth of the Late Queen Victoria More Widely Observed Than Usual.

London, May 25.—Empire day, the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Victoria, May 24, 1819, was more widely observed this year in London and the provinces than heretofore. The most prominent was a big review of troops at Aldershot by the king, while the leading event in London was the unveiling, in St. Paul's cathedral, by the princess of Wales, of the sculptured memorial designed and executed by Princess Louise (duchess of Argyll), to the 4,000 brave sons of Britain over the seas who laid down their lives for the mother country in the South African war.

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## JAP CAVALRY SCOUTING.

They Are Penetrating Deep Into the Russian Rear in Search of Tactical Information.

Gunshu Pass, May 26.—A squadron of Japanese cavalry, which has been reconnoitering deep into the Russian rear, encountered and defeated a small detachment of Russians northwest of Gunshu Pass, 12 miles from the railroad, on May 25, and on the following day penetrated almost to the station of Taziatun, 20 miles north of Gunshu Pass.

The appearance of the Japanese so far from their base is taken as an intimation of their desire for information preliminary to turning this flank. Reports of the movement of Japanese in the direction of Tzishihar, 300 miles south of Harbin, have been received.

Chinese bandits are active on the Mongolian border. They are hampering the Russian scouts, preventing the purchase of supplies and attacking cattle purchased by the Russians. One Russian detachment which has been buying cattle traveled 270 miles in 11 days.

## Pedro Sanchez, Friend of Poor.

Santa Fe, N. M., May 25.—Pedro Sanchez, for 50 years prominently in the public eye, and known throughout the southwest as the "friend of the poor," is dead, having succumbed to paralysis at Taos. He served six terms in the legislature.

## To Present Missouri's Bell.

St. Louis, May 25.—Miss Julia Cabanne, daughter of St. Carr Cabanne, has been selected to present the ship's bell to the United States battleship Missouri in Hampton roads, off Old Point Comfort, Va., Saturday, June 3.

## Mexican War Veterans Meet.

Dallas, Tex., May 26.—The thirty-second annual reunion of the national association of veterans of the Mexican war was held here. Washington was chosen as the next place of meeting. May 8 and 9, 1906. All of the old officers were re-elected.

## Death of Col. R. F. Campbell.

El Paso, Tex., May 26.—Col. R. F. Campbell, civil war veteran, ex-mayor and ex-postmaster of El Paso, and collector of internal revenue at Austin, is dead of anoxia.

## Shocking Accident.

Canton, O., May 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Gust Miller, of Louisville, O., and Mrs. Howell and daughter Anna, of South Bend, Ind., were struck by a passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad while out riding late Thursday night, and all were instantly killed.

## Champion Typesetter Dead.

Macon, Mo., May 26.—William Collins, who, in 1882, in Cincinnati, won the typesetting championship of the United States, died Thursday, aged 53 years.

## A SENSATIONAL FAILURE

Banking Firm of Burnett, Cummings & Co. Fail for \$1,714,368.

Seventy-One Banks and Trust Companies, Mostly in Massachusetts, Among Creditors.

Boston, May 26.—Seventy-one banks and trust companies, most of them in Massachusetts, but several located in various parts of the country, are among the creditors of the banking firm of Burnett, Cummings & Co., of 43 Milk street, this city, which filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court, Thursday, with liabilities placed at \$1,714,368. The assets are stated to be uncertain. The creditors have been given to understand that they will not exceed \$200,000, if, indeed, they prove to be of any value whatsoever. The bankruptcy petition is the heaviest ever filed in this district. Attorney J. T. Auebach, counsel for the bankrupt firm, said that the cause of the failure was the building and financing of the Massachusetts street railways. The roads were in thinly-settled districts and were unable to make suitable connections with roads running to Boston, and were placed in the hands of receivers and the notes become valueless. The secured creditors numbered 87, and the unsecured 81. There are 22 Massachusetts savings banks in the list of creditors and 13 Massachusetts national banks. One of the heaviest creditors is the Worcester Five Cents savings bank, of Worcester, with a claim of \$80,000.

Among the western institutions affected are four Chicago banks and one at Ann Arbor, Mich. All of the latter loans were small.

In connection with the bankruptcy petition the state savings bank commissioners said that so far as their investigations have gone, the savings banks which have loaned money upon the Massachusetts security bonds had not violated any laws.

## SAYS HE ISN'T THE SLAYER.

Bothwell Pulford, of Savannah, Ill., Denies the Report That He Killed Daniel S. Berry.

Savannah, Ill., May 24.—Bothwell Pulford, the wealthiest citizen of Savannah, denies reports that he is the slayer of Attorney Daniel S. Berry, a former leading member of the Illinois legislature. Attorney Berry was mysteriously murdered at the door of his office, and it is said that the circumstances indicate he was killed by the husband of a woman to whom Barry is reported to have paid attentions.

## GOVERNOR OF CANAL ZONE.

Charles G. Magoon, Governor of the Panama Canal Zone, Takes the Oath of Office.

Panama, May 26.—Hezekiah A. Gudgeon, judge of the canal zone, administered the oath of office to Charles G. Magoon, governor of the canal zone, Thursday, in the Anson district. The ceremony took place in the presence of President Amador and the cabinet. Señor de Obaldia, minister to the United States, the diplomatic and consular corps, and prominent native and foreign residents.

## IS DISCREDITED IN PARIS.

The Reported Death of Vice-Admiral Rojestevenko Can Not Be Verified in Paris.

Paris, May 24.—Nothing is known here of the report that Vice-Admiral Rojestevenko is dead except a brief extra call from a London paper, to which no importance is attached, owing to the complete absence of knowledge of the whereabouts of the Russian fleet. The officials of the Russian embassy here discredit the rumor as circulated in the interest of the Japanese.

## GOLD MEDALS FOR BRAVERY.

They Will Be Worn by Three German Sailors Who Saved the Lives of Americans.

Berlin, May 26.—Three gold medals given by President Roosevelt to three German bluejackets who saved the lives of several sailors of the United States destroyer Monadnock in Chinese waters, were transmitted by Ambassador Tower to the foreign office, Thursday, from which office they will be sent to the marine ministry.

## HOBSON GOT HIS CHOICE.

Capt. Richmond P. Hobson and Miss Grizelda Houston Hull Married at Tuxedo Park, N. Y.

Tuxedo Park, N. Y., May 26.—The marriage of Miss Grizelda Houston Hull, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Hull, to Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, took place Thursday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hull, in this place. The wedding was without display, owing to the recent death of a relative. Capt. Hobson's brother, Lieut. James M. Hobson, was best man.

## The Royal Arcanum.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 26.—The supreme council, Royal Arcanum, ordered abolished all associations using the name of the arcana for private ends. After electing officers, it was decided to meet at Old Point Comfort next year.

## To Make an Investigation.

New York, May 26.—District Attorney Jerome announces that he has assigned one of his assistants to make a thorough investigation of the recent failure of the Merchants' Trust Co., in this city.

## THE NEW THEBES BRIDGE.

Splendidly Located, With Bluffs on Both Sides of the River, Obviating Long Approaches.

Thebes, Ill., May 27.—The Thebes bridge over the Mississippi, forming a new gateway for commerce and traffic with the south and great southwest, which was formally opened Thursday, is a magnificent structure of double-track width and, owing to its prominent location, presents a most imposing appearance. Its location is a particularly fortunate one, because of the high bluffs on each side of the river, which obviated the necessity of long approach trestles. The bridge proper consists of a continuous steel structure of five spans built on the cantilever system and weighs 28,000,000 pounds. The central or channel span is 317 feet long, each of the other spans being about 521 feet long. The approaches to the bridge are of concrete, made of Portland cement, as are also the piers upon which the spans and arches rest, and this concrete, of which nearly one million cubic feet were used, constitutes the chief peculiarity of the bridge. Except the face stones of the piers, which are of buff Roman Ocellitic stone, and the bridge seats and nose stones for the upstream cutwater, which are granite, there is no solid stone work in the entire structure.

The steel bridge is approached at both ends by a series of concrete arches. The total length of the bridge proper, including the concrete approaches, is 3,817 feet, and the total length of the entire double-track construction, including grade approaches, is 4.7 miles. The total height of the bridge, from the bottom of the lowest foundation to the top of the highest point on the superstructure, is 231 feet.

The site of the Thebes bridge for many years has been considered the most advantageous location for a bridge at any point on the Mississippi south of St. Louis.

Ground was broken for the bridge on July 8, 1902, and the first train passed over it on April 13 of this year. The cost of its construction was, approximately, \$3,000,000.

## COMMERCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Irregular and Unsettled Weather Has Acted as a Bar to Full Business Activity.

New York, May 27.—Bradstreet's weekly review says:

Wholesale trade is seasonably quiet, pending a clearer view of crop output, which, owing to irregular or unsettled weather in wide areas still lacks definite form. Cool weather is still a bar to fullest activity at retail. Manufacturing activity is still in large volume on orders previously booked. Speculative markets for wheat reflect technical conditions and short supplies in primary markets more clearly than they do the slight deterioration in quantity and quality indicated as resulting from recent backward weather, which has also been used as a lever to affect corn and cotton. Collections reflect little more than seasonable slowness, and money is easy and in abundant supply. Rather more friction in labor matters is noted at Chicago, the expected ending of the teamsters' strike being delayed. Some few points of labor friction are noted in other cities. Despite efforts to accentuate less favorable happenings for stock speculative purposes, there is still abundant evidence that the country's requirements are on a large scale, heavily exceeding a year ago at this time.

## THE CELESTIALS ARE WISE.

The Chinese Were Politicians Before American Was Discovered.

Leavenworth, Kas., May 27.—Edwin H. Conger, former minister to China, is visiting his daughter at the fort, en route to his new post in Mexico. "The talk of the Chinese merchants retelling against the exclusion law by boycotting American-made goods is amusing to me," said Mr. Conger. "Of course, you know how American politicians are run; well, the Chinese were politicians before America was discovered."

## HON. D. R. FRANCIS HURT.

Was Thrown From an Automobile While in Cincinnati and Sustained a Sprain of the Right Ankle.

Cincinnati, May 27.—While former governor D. R. Francis, of Missouri, was returning from a smoker given by the Commercial club at Zoological gardens, late Friday afternoon, he was thrown from an automobile and received a sprain of the right ankle, but was not otherwise injured. He was unable to attend the banquet of the Commercial club Friday night.

## To Be Tried June 26.

Jefferson City, Mo., May 27.—The bribery cases of Senators Frank H. Harris and Charles A. Smith have been set for trial in the Cole county circuit court here, before Judge Martin, for June 26.

## A Prominent Missourian.

Palmyra, Mo., May 27.—Judge J. L. Hawkins died at his home west of this city, aged 71. He was born and had always lived in this county. He served several terms in the legislature, and for a time was librarian in the state library at Jefferson City.

## Mississippi's National Guard.

Jackson, Miss., May 27.—Adj.-Gen. Fridge has issued orders to the national guard of Mississippi to assemble in annual encampment at Gulfport, July 9 for ten days' practice drill and maneuvers.

## Will Remain "Diocese of Missouri."

St. Louis, May 27.—For the third time a proposition to amend the name of the Episcopal diocese of Missouri, changing it to "the diocese of St. Louis," was presented to the diocesan convention of the Episcopal church. It was voted down, 38 to 20.

## Fleeing From an Earthquake.

Mexico City, Mex., May 27.—People are fleeing from Tlaxcala, a small town just across the Sinaloa border in the state of Durango, as the result of terrifying seismic disturbances.

## ALL SIGNS POINT TO A JAP SUCCESS

Meager Dispatches Concerning the Sea Fight in the Far East.

## SIX RUSSIAN VESSELS SUNK

One Japanese Cruiser and Ten Torpedoboats Lost, Which Indicates the Nature of Admiral Togo's Attack.

Washington, May 29.—The American consul at Nagasaki cabled the state department, Sunday, that the Japanese have sunk a Russian battleship, four other warships and a repair ship in the straits of Korea.

London, May 29.—The Tokio correspondent of the Daily Mail says that the Russian fleet has been dispersed, that several Russian ships have been disabled, and that the remainder are in flight, with the Japanese pursuing.

Tsingtau, May 29.—There is a running naval engagement between the Russian and Japanese fleets in the straits of Korea, near the islands of Okid. It is reported that the whole Russian fleet is not participating, all the slower vessels having steamed around Japan. The Japanese losses so far are stated to be one cruiser and ten torpedoboats.

Tokio, May 28, 7:45 p. m.—Absolutely no news concerning the operations of the hostile fleets was obtainable here to-day. Newspapers are held under absolute leash, and all telegraphs and cables are closed to press dispatches.

Washington, May 29.—Japanese Minister Takahira has received a dispatch from Tokio saying in effect that the fighting in the naval battle thus far has been with favorable prospects to the Japanese. The minister's dispatch is from private sources.

Tsingtau, May 29.—A telegram from Chinese sources says that in the naval battle in the straits of Korea, Saturday and Sunday, the Russians have probably lost two battleships and two cruisers. This report has not been confirmed.

London, May 29.—The correspondent of the Morning Post at Shanghai says that a telegram has been received there from Peking announcing that Rojestevenko's fleet has been defeated off the Tsu islands and is fleeing northward, and that four Russian ships, including the battleship Borodino, have been sunk.

According to the latest information, the battle between the Russian and Japanese naval forces for the supremacy of the oriental seas, on which hangs the outcome of the far eastern struggle, has begun, if it has not terminated decisively. All the dispatches received point to a Japanese victory, though it is not yet known whether the full force of Vice-Admiral Rojestevenko's fighting ships took part in the contest which, according to the dispatches, took place in the comparatively narrow waters of the strait of Korea. The first information came in a dispatch from the American consul at Nagasaki telling that the Japanese had sunk one Russian battleship, four other warships and a repair ship in the Korean strait, and this was followed by a dispatch received by the state department, the date of which was not given, that the "Japanese government had made the announcement that its fleet had engaged the Russians in the strait of Korea Saturday and had held them." The state department also received information that two of the vessels reported to have been sunk were the sister battleships Orel and Borodino, and that three of the other ships were cruisers. From Tsingtau, the German port on the Shantung peninsula, came a report that a running naval engagement took place near the island of Okid in the sea of Japan, 200 miles north-east of the strait of Korea, and that the whole Russian fleet did not participate, the slow vessels having been sent around Japan. Russian sources give no news of the battle, while the Japanese government, following its custom, is silent as to either the battle or its outcome.

## THE NAGASAKI DISPATCH.

It Was Very Brief, But Contained Significant News.

Washington, May 29.—The following is the text of the Nagasaki dispatch to the state department: "Nagasaki, May 28.—Japanese sunk the Russian battleship Borodino and four more warships and a repair ship."

## THE BELIEF IN WASHINGTON.

It Is Thought to Have Been a Torpedoboot Action.

Washington, May 29.—The belief in naval circles in Washington is that the Japanese resorted to a free use of their torpedo boats in their attacks on the vessels of Vice-Admiral Rojestevenko's fleet. The Japanese have a large number of torpedo boats in their fleet.

Naval officials express the opinion that it was unlikely that such losses as those reported could have been inflicted by ordinary fire.

## FAVORABLE TO RUSSIANS.

Reports Received at St. Petersburg From Chee-Foo Via Shanghai.

St. Petersburg, May 29.—The St. Petersburg telegraph agency publishes the following from Shanghai, under date of May 28:

"From all quarters telegrams are arriving here announcing that a naval battle is in progress between the Tsu straits and the Japanese coast. No details are given, but the tone of the telegrams from Chefoo is favorable to the Russians."

## LONE ROBBER KNOCKED OUT.

He Held Up the Northern Pacific North Coast Limited and is Now Held Up Himself.

St. Paul, Minn., May 29.—General Manager H. J. Horn of the Northern Pacific railway received the following details concerning the hold-up of the North Coast limited at Bear Mouth, Mont:

Northern Pacific North Coast limited train No. 2 was held up about 11 p. m., May 27, two miles east of Bear Mouth, Mont., at Mile Post No. 81, by one man. After ordering the messenger out of the express car, shattering the side of the car and blowing the door off the safe. After the discharge of the third explosion the robber forced Engineer Wilson to crawl in the car ahead of him and the messenger to follow. As soon as they were in the car the bandit forced Engineer Wilson to strike a match, and as he did this, Engineer Wilson saw Express Messenger Laub ready to hit the robber with a piece of broken car. Wilson immediately blew the match out and the express messenger struck the robber and knocked him out. The robber was not killed, but was bound and taken to Drummond, where he was turned over to the county authorities. The express car was not badly damaged and went through on the run. No valuables were taken and the passengers were not disturbed. At one o'clock Sunday afternoon the robber was still unconscious.

The railway company has wired to Engineer Wilson and Express Messenger Laub congratulations, and will immediately mail each man a check for \$1,000 in recognition of their services.

The last Bear Mouth hold-up was a year ago on this same North Coast limited, by Hammond and Christie, who were run down by the special agents of the Northern Pacific. Hammond and Christie are now in the Montana penitentiary at Deer Lodge.